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1. QUOTED BELOW IS THE FULL TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE GIVEN THE CHARGE BY GHANAIAAN MFA SUPERVISING DIRECTOR ECONOMIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT ON MAY 22. THE MISSION'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE TRANSMITTED REFTEL.

BEGIN TEXT: QUOTE. AIDE MEMOIRE. FINANCING OF THE

OAU/AFCAC AVIATION TRAINING PROGRAMME.

DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS EXHAUSTIVE STUDIES HAVE BEEN MADE OF THE CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING REQUIREMENTS WITHIN AFRICA. THE RESULTS OF THESE STUDIES HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO A COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL TRAINING PLAN AND SHOW, INTER ALIA, THE NEED FOR THE CREATION OF TWO MULTILATERAL PILOT TRAINING INSTITUTES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL NATIONAL CENTRES AS WELL AS THE PROVISION OF FELLOWSHIPS TO ATTEND COURSES IN THESE OR OTHER INSTITUTES.

2. THE FINANCING OF THE GENERAL TRAINING PLAN HAS BEEN A PROBLEM NOT ONLY TO THE AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION COMMISSION (AFCAC) AND THE OAU BUT ALSO THE INTERNATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (ICAO) AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP). ACCORDINGLY, AT THE REQUEST OF AFCAC, THE ICAO (IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNDP) HAVE COMPILED DETAILED REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMOUNT OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PLAN. SINCE NO SINGLE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION CAN PROVIDE ALL THE ASSISTANCE NEEDED IT WAS DECIDED AT THE

LAST PLENARY SESSION OF AFCAC HELD IN LOME, TOGO, THAT A /DONOR'S" CONFERENCE BE CONVENED TO LOOK FOR OTHER SOURCES OF ASSISTANCE. THIS DECISION WAS SUPPORTED BY THE OAU AND AT ITS 14TH ASSEMBLY HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT MEETING LEND IN LIBREVILLE, GABON IN JUNE/JULY 1977 IT DECIDED THAT THE "DONOR'S" CONFERENCE SHOULD BE HELD IN GENEVA. THIS HAS ACCORDINGLY BEEN FIXED FOR 31ST MAY TO 2ND JUNE, 1978.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE IS TO EXPLAIN TO THE POSSIBLE DONOR STATES THE LACK OF TRAINING FACILITIES WHICH CURRENTLY EXISTS IN THE FIELD OF CIVIL AVIATION IN MOST AFRICAN STATES AND THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO RECTIFY THE POSITION.

4. AS FAR AS GHANA IS CONCERNED IT IS RESTIMATED THAT AN AMOUNT OF DLS 2,483 MILLION WILL BE REQUIRED OVER A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS. THE FIGURE INCLUDES A GHANA GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION OF DLS 0.821 MILLION (IN LOAN CASH OR KIND) AND DOS 147,000 THE UNDP IS PREPARED TO OFFER. IT IS THE HOPE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA THAT DONOR STATES WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE THE SHORFALL OF DLS 1.515 MILLION WHICH IS MADE UP OF DLS 1.033 MILLION FOR FELLOWSHIPS, DLS 161,000 FOR EQUIPMENT AND DOS 321,000 FOR EXPERT SERVICES (MOSTLY INSTRUCTORS).

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5. THE GHANA GOVERNMENT ANTICIPATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (WHICH HAS BEEN INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE AS A POSSIBLE DONOR) MAY WISH TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE ON A BILATERAL BASIS. IN THIS ANTICIPATION AND IN VIEW OF THE CORDIAL RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN WOULD SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDER MAKING A CONTRIBUTION TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NATIONAL TRAINING PLAN ESTIMATED AT DLS 1.515 MILLION. ATTACHED IS AN EXTRACT FROM AN ICAO PUBLICATION WHICH DEALS WITH THE CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR GHANA. END OF TEXT. ACCRA, 18TH MAY, 1978. UNQUOTE.

II. THE EXTRACT FROM PAGES 80 AND 81 OF A NOT FULLY IDENTIFIED FIELD DOCUMENT (APPARENTLY A UNDP LIST OF PROJECTS, WHICH ICAO WOULD EXECUTE) CONSISTS OF A "COUNTRY SUMMARY" FOR GHANA AND PROVIDES BREAKDOWN OF THE UNCOVERED PORTION OF THE DLS 2,483,000 ESTIMATED AS FOLLOWS: DLS 1,033,000 FOR FELLOWSHIPS; DLS 161,000 FOR EQUIPMENT, AND DLS 321,000 FOR EXPERT SERVICES. FOR THE RECORD, WE ARE POUCHING AIDE MEMOIRE AND

ATTACHMENT TO AID/AFR/CAWA AND EB/OA/AVP.

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